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SUBJ: PROPOSED RELEASE ON C-5 AIRLIFT ON F-5E AIRCRAFT.

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YOUR INFO AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

SAN ANTONIO ALC MESSAGE OI 152015Z AUG 74 IS  
QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION/ACTION:

1. COORDINATION AND ANY COMMENT OR PROPOSED CHANGES  
ARE REQUESTED ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED NEWS STORY  
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AND QUESTIONS AND PROPOSED RESPONSES TO QUERY.

2. TEXT OF THE NEWS STORY IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE.

A. THE USAF WILL BEGIN USING ITS GIGANTIC TRANSPORT--THE C5 GLAAXY--THIS WEEK TO DELIVER F-5E INTERNATIONAL FIGHTERS TO THE NATIONS WHICH HAVE PURCHASED THE AIRCRAFT.

B. THE FIRST DELIVERY FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED TO LAUNCH FROM MCCLELLAN AFB, CALIF, ON SAT, AUG 24, AND OFFICIALS CLAIM THE HISTORIC FLIGHT WILL SET AT LEAST TWO AIRLIFT RECORDS FOR THE C5.

C. PACKAGING ENGINEERS AT THE SAN ANTONIO AIR LOGISTICS CENTER, KELLY AFB, TEXAS, HAVE DESIGNED SPECIAL SHIPPING FIXTURES WHICH WILL PERMIT THE C5 TO CARRY EIGHT F5E'S IN A SINGLE LOAD. PREVIOUS FLIGHTS HAVE ONLY LIFTED FOUR AIRCRAFT.

D. OFFICIALS SAID IT WILL NO DOUBT BE THE MOST VALUABLE CARGO EVER CARRIED IN A SINGLE AIRPLANE. AN F5E COSTS ABOUT \$1.9 MILLION, GIVING THE C5 A PAYLOAD OF \$15.2 MILLION ON SATURDAY'S FLIGHT. BRIG GEN W.H. SPILLERS JR., VICE COMMANDER OF CENTER AND A FORMER C5 WING COMMANDER, ORIGINATED THE IDEA OF THE NEW "8-PACK" CONCEPT.

E. "IT'S AN EXTREMELY COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD OF DELIVERY FOR THE F5E'S." GEN SPILLERS SAID. "AND AT THE SAME TIME DEMONSTRATES THE CAPABILITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE C5."

F. OFFICIALS ESTIMATE C5 DELIVERIES OF THE F5E'S WILL RESULT IN \$1.5 MILLION SAVINGS DURING FY 75 WHEN THE AIRLIFT METHOD IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED. IT IS A THREE-YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM.

G. CURRENTLY THE AIR FORCE IS USING THE "HIGHFLIGHT" METHOD FOR F5E DELIVERIES INTO EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST--WITH 16 REFUELING STOPS ENROUTE--AND USING OCEAN TRANSPORTS TO DELIVER AIRCRAFT GOING INTO THE PACIFIC AREA.

H. THE AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND IS COORDINATING DELIVERY OF ALL THE AIRCRAFT THROUGH ITS F5E SYSTEM MANAGER, THE INTERNATIONAL FIGHTER DIVISION OF THE SAN ANTONIO CENTER.

I. SINCE DELIVERY OF THE NEW FIGHTERS BEGAN IN EARLY 1974, LOGISTICS PLANNERS HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF AIRLIFT AS THE MOST EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD OF GETTING THE AIRCRAFT TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CUSTOMER.

J. CAPT G.E. STEVENSON, THE CENTER'S PACKAGING EXPERT, ALONG WITH LT W.L. LAMBERT AND LT C.L. CIZAN DEVELOPED THE SPECIAL SHIPPING FIXTURE WHICH PERMITS EIGHT PARTIALLY DISASSEMBLED F5E'S TO FIT INTO THE C5'S BIG CARGO COMPARTMENT.

K. A DECISION WAS MADE TO MANUFACTURE THE SPECIAL SHIPPING FIXTURE IN THE CENTER'S MAINTENANCE SHIPS AND

BEGIN USING THE C5 IN ALL FUTURE DELIVERIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIGHTER.

L. OFFICIALS SET THE "TARGET DATE" FOR THE FIRST FLIGHT SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER 1974.

M. HOWEVER, WHEN UNEXPECTED DELAYS DEVELOPED IN THE SEALIFT OPERATION, IT WAS DECIDED TO SPEED UP MANUFACTURE OF THE SHIPPING FIXTURES AT SAN ANTONIO ALC AND SHIP THE AIRCRAFT FROM MCCLELLAN ABOARD THE C5.

N. OFFICIALS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY THE FIRST C5 FLIGHT HAS BEEN MOVED FORWARD AND THAT THE FERRYING AND OCEAN TRANSPORT DELIVERIES WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL NOVEMBER.

O. COL E.G. BISHOP, THE SAN ANTONIO CENTER'S DIRECTOR OF MATERIAL MANAGEMENT, SAID REASSEMBLY SITES HAD TO BE SET UP AND MANNED BEFORE C5 AIRLIFT COULD BE USED EXCLUSIVELY.

P. SEVENTEEN COUNTRIES HAVE PURCHASED OR ARE NEGOTIATING FOR PURCHASE OF THE F5E, AND SALE OF THE AIRCRAFT TO AMERICAN ALLIES HELPS TO PRESERVE THE BALANCE OF POWER AND FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD.

Q. NOW--USING THE C5 IN ITS WORKWIDE LOGISTICS SUPPORT ROLE--THE AIR FORCE CAN DELIVER THE NEW INTERNATIONAL FIGHTERS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY, ENHANCING THE U.S. COMPETITIVE POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, A KEY TO EFFECTIVE DETERRENCE.

R. AND THE NEW "8-PACK" DESIGN--AN INNOVATIVE CONCEPT IN STRATEGIC AIRLIFT AND PACKAGING--ENABLES COMMAND TO CONTINUE PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN CARRYING OUT THE NATION'S POLICIES." UNQUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING ARE POSSIBLE QUESTIONS THAT COULD BE ASKED BY NEWS MEDIA. WITH PROPOSED ANSWERS:

QUESTION: HOW MANY F5E'S WILL BE DELIVERED TO OUR ALLIES?

ANSWER: THE CURRENT PRODUCTION RUN IS ESTIMATED AT UNCLASSIFIED

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634 AIRCRAFT, AND DELIVERIES ARE SCHEDULED THROUGH 1977.

QUESTION: HOW MANY F5E'S ARE IN THE USAF INVENTORY?

ANSWER: THE AIR FORCE DOES NOT OPERATE THE F5. IT DOES, HOWEVER, SUPPORT THE AIRCRAFT THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS PROGRAM.

QUESTION: WHO MAKES THE F5E?

ANSWER: THE "TIGER II" IS MANUFACTURED BY THE NORTHROP AIRCRAFT DIVISION, LOS ANGELES.

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QUESTION: CAN YOU TELL US SOME OF THE COUNTRIES  
WHO ARE BUYING THE TIGER II?

ANSWER: THERE ARE 17 COUNTRIES WHO HAVE PURCHASED  
OR ARE NEGOTIATING FOR THE F5E. THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE  
SOLD THROUGH THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM OR THE  
MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AMONG THE CUSTOMER COUNTRIES  
ARE BRAZIL, JORDAN, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, TAIWAN, AND  
MALAYSIA.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT THIS FIRST MISSION? WHERE  
IS IT GOING?

ANSWER: THE FIRST MISSION WILL TRANSPORT F5E'S  
TO KWANG-JU AB, KOREA AND CLARK AFB IN THE PHILIPPINES  
FOR REASSEMBLY AND DELIVERY TO THE CUSTOMER COUNTRIES.

QUESTION: HOW LONG HAS THE "TIGER II" BEEN IN  
PROJECTION?

ANSWER: THE AIRCRAFT "MADE ITS DEBUT" IN JUNE  
1973 WHEN THE FIRST PRODUCTION MODEL WAS DELIVERED TO  
WILLIAMS AFB, ARIZONA, WHERE THE AIRFORCE TRAINS  
FOREIGN PILOTS TO FLY THE F5E.

QUESTION: WHEN DID WE START SELLING THE F5E TO  
FOREIGN CUSTOMERS?

ANSWER: SALES BEGAN IN MARCH 1974 AND DELIVERIES  
STARTED CONCURRENT WITH THE SALE OR COMPLETION OF SALES  
NEGOTIATIONS.

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QUESTION: HOW ABOUT SPEED AND RANGE OF THE F5E? IS

IT A GOOD FIGHTER PLANE?

ANSWER: THE AIR FORCE CONSIDERS IT AN EXCELLENT FIGHTER. WE OPERATE A TRAINER VERSION... THE T38 "FALON" WHICH THE AIR TRAINING COMMAND USED AS AN ADVANCED TRAINER. THE F5E IS CAPABLE OF SPEEDS OF ABOUT 1 1/2 TIMES THE SPEED OF SOUND...OR MACH 1.51 AND IT HAS AN OPERATIONAL RANGE OF ABOUT 295 MILES.

QUESTION: HOW ABOUT THE SHIPPING FIXTURES? HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

ANSWER: THE SHIPPING FIXTURES ARE RESUABLE METAL FRAMES CONSISTING OF A BASE SECTION WITH UPRIGHT STANCHIONS TO SECURE THE FUSELAGE, WINGS, AND THE EMPENAGE WHICH HAVE BEEN DISASSEMBLED. THE ANGLE OF THE F5E ON THE BASE ALLOWS POSITIONING SO THAT THE NOSE OF ONE AIRPLANE OVERLAPS THE REAR OF THE OTHER--ALMOST IN "PIGGYBACK" FASHION. THIS PERMITS US TO EFFECTIVELY USE THE WIDTH, LENGTH, AND HEIGHT OF THE CARGO COMPARTMENT.

QUESTION: WHY IS AIRLIFT MORE DESIRABLE THAN OTHER METHODS OF DELIVERY ... SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, FERRYING THE COMPLETE AIRCRAFT TO THE CUSTOMER?

ANSWER: FERRYING, OR AS WE CALL IT, THE "HIGHFLIGHT" DELIVERY METHOD, REQUIRES 16 STOPS BETWEEN THE SUPPORT BASE (MCCLELLAN) AND THE CUSTOMER. THE ROUTE CARRIES THE F5E'S TO WILLIAMS AFB, ARIZ; TINKER AFB, OKLA; WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIL; LORING AFB, MAINE; THEN TO GREENLAND, ICELAND, SCOTLAND, GERMANY, ITALY, AND ON DOWN INTO THE MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE THE FINAL DESTINATION. MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING CREWS HAVE TO BE POSITIONED AT EACH STOP AND THERE WERE OFTEN WEATHER DELAYS AND OTHER LIMITING FACTORS. USING THE POINT. A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION, AND LESS WEAR AND TEAR ON THE F5E'S.

4. EACH ADDRESSEE IS REQUESTED TO INFORM AFCL/OI BY MESSAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH COPIES TO SAFOI/PC AND SAN ANTONIO ALC/OI OF COORDINATION OF THE PROPOSED RELEASE AND QUESTIONS AND PROPOSED ANSWERS ALONG WITH YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTED CHANGES."

REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES INSURE NO SENSITIVITIES EXIST IN THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE UNCLASSIFIED

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STATESIDE RELEASE OF THE ABOVE QUOTED PROPOSALS. DUE TO TIME FACTOR, PLEASE PROVIDE CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS TO CINCPACAF/OIP ASAP.

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